

Senate Resolution 971

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Douglas of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Sergeant Michael Murphrey; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
3 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
4 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

5 WHEREAS, the United States recently lost one of its finest and most distinguished citizens
6 in the untimely passing of Sergeant Michael Murphrey on September 5, 2009, when he was
7 killed in action while serving in Paktika province, Afghanistan; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Murphrey has long been recognized by the citizens of this nation for
9 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
10 welfare of the citizens of the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, a native of Snyder, Texas, Sergeant Murphrey joined the United States Army
12 in October 2003, serving at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Richardson, Alaska; and Fort
13 Benning, Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Sergeant Murphrey was a paratrooper assigned to C Company, 1st Battalion,
15 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division and
16 was deployed to Afghanistan in March 2009; and

17 WHEREAS, the untimely passing of this American hero leaves an unfillable void in the
18 hearts and lives of his family and friends, especially his wife, Ashley; his young children,
19 Jaden and Cameron; his parents; and his four sisters; and

20 WHEREAS, Sergeant Murphrey embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
21 something greater than himself and serving as a guardian of this nation's freedom, and it is

22 abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and
23 distinguished American be recognized appropriately.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Sergeant Michael Murphrey;
26 commend his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of his
27 country; and extend to his family their most profound appreciation for all members of the
28 United States military who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of
29 freedom.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Sergeant Michael
32 Murphrey.